

*“This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.”
Psalm 118:24*

Welcome to Bethel Christian Reformed Church on this Sunday, September 10, 2023.

Helping with Worship and Fellowship this morning

Ushers: Derek Minnema, Alec Buwalda & Nate Bresser
PP /Audio: Curt Vlietstra & Jared Oosterhouse
Organist: Sandy Alsum
Library: Nancy Smits
WOW Leader: Tessa Oosterhouse
WOW Helper: Ella & Drew Oosterhouse
Nursery Adult: Brynn Bille & Lily Wobschall
Nursery Helpers: Lily VanderGalien & Ava Oosterhouse

Bethel Family

Gregg Zonnefeld will be leading our service this morning. Gregg is the Director of Advancement at CWC. Gregg and his wife, Kristi are members of 1st CRC and Gregg is licensed to exhort in Classis Wisconsin

Our 2nd offering this morning is for the Building Fund.

Next Sunday, Pastor Kurt will be preaching and a group from classis will be here to evaluate his sermon in preparation for his examination at the Classis Meeting on September 26th.

Pastor Kurt will be examined by Classis Wisconsin during their September 26th meeting. If you would like to attend the meeting it will be at MarshView Ministries in Horicon after lunch.

Conrad Rens will be singing “He Will Hold Me Fast” this morning in memory of his mom, Lisa Rens, who passed away 10 years ago.

Thank you to everyone for the cards, calls and prayers after my surgery. It was such a blessing to me. - Alice Posthuma

We invite everyone to fill out a name tag for the next couple weeks/months as Pastor Kurt and Jenna learn everyone’s names. Name tags will be available on the counter by the kitchen every Sunday.

Bethel Activities & Events

Sunday School and Catechism for grades 1st through 12th on September 17th.

ANYONE and EVERYONE involved in children and youth ministry is asked to attend the **Child Safe Policy Meeting TODAY** following the am service. Our Child Safe Policy states that everyone that is involved in children/youth ministry must attend a meeting and go through a volunteer pledge. If this date does not work please speak with Becky to set up a different time to meet.

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, September 12th at 9:30 a.m. for a mom’s morning at Tom Dooley Apple Orchard. Bring the kids and let’s enjoy a morning together while the kids play!

Join us TONIGHT at 6:00 p.m. for Sunday evening Bible study and fellowship! We are following a study by RC Sproul and Ligonier Ministries titled “What is Reformed Theology?” Everyone is welcome to join even if you cannot attend each time.

With the beginning of the school year comes a new youth ministry season. The high school youth group is excited to kickoff the new school year with a get together at Bryant & Lis Greenfield’s house at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13th! The SWAT middle school group will be hosting their kick-off and registration night on Wednesday, September 13th at Bethel CRC from 6:30-8:00. Please have your son or daughter bring a lawn chair!

Parents have a big responsibility to raise the children God has blessed them with for Him, and we as a congregation have made a promise to walk alongside you and encourage you. We’d like to invite all **Bethel families of middle school students to join us for a time of fellowship and encouragement at a potluck lunch on Sunday, September 10th after the morning church service** (at approximately noon). Hotdogs, sloppy joes, and beverages will be provided, please take along a side dish to share.

The high school youth group is looking for some energetic adults to join our team! The school year is starting soon, and we are still in need of 3 men and 1 woman to join our team as we mentor and disciple our high school students to become living sacrifices that have a vibrant and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. This year our high school youth group will be meeting every Wednesday with small group Bible studies, large group activities, or split as First/Bethel groups. Please prayerfully consider serving in this ministry and reach out to Jen Vlietstra at cjvliet@charter.net, Bryant Greenfield at bryant.greenfield@gmail.com, Noah Mulder at swdnoahmulder@gmail.com or one of the church education team members if you’d like to learn more about this wonderful opportunity!

Community Events & Activities

Auction Countdown is On!!!

The list is growing daily and the plans are being finalized as we head to the *Wild, Wild West* Central Wisconsin Christian Harvest Auction 2023. We’re excited to experience a great night of fellowship and friend/fundraising. The online silent auction will open up on September 17th, with the live event set for Friday, September 22nd. Please register, order your meal, or make your donations at cwcauction.com, where you can watch the list grow and see all of the details. Bake sale items can be dropped off the morning of the event prior to 11AM.

<u>Week</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>YTD Given</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
September 3	217	\$10,633 (General Fund) \$630 (GEMS)	\$59,819	\$63,252

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Readiness
Prelude
Refocus & Renew
*Let All Things
Greeting/Call to Worship
*Blessed Be Your Name
*O Praise the Name (Anastasis)
Reflection & Refreshment
Congregational Prayer
Offerings:
 (1) General Fund
 (2) Building Fund
Special Music-Conrad Rens “He Will Hold Me Fast”
 Scripture: Psalm 1
 Sermon: “Thriving & Striving”
 Prayer of Application
Response & Release
*Tree Song
*Benediction
*Doxology- New Doxology

Next Week’s Service, Sunday, September 17, 2023

Pastor: Pastor Kurt

Offering: Growing Hope Globally (Formerly Food Resource Bank)

Ushers: Cal Greenfield, Ben Buteyn & Josh Bos

PP/Audio: Curt Vlietstra & Jared Oosterhouse

Library: Nancy Smits

Organist: Marilyn Smits

Nursery Adult: Beth Kartechner & Christina Kartechner

Nursery Helper: Ellie Wobschall & Ben Kartechner

WOW Leader: Holly Marwitz

WOW Helper: Harlow Marwitz

